

Oklahoma State Council of ESA  
State Council Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2011

The State Council meeting was called to order by president, Gwynn Nell Swanson, at 10:47 a.m. on Saturday, June 28, 2011, at the Goodrich Methodist Church, Norman, Oklahoma. Dr. Billye Peterson, recording secretary, was present.

Members stood for the opening ritual led by Maxine Wheelan. Gwynn Nell welcomed all members.

Chaplain Linda Leveridge gave a Thought for the Day. She announced the following: Mary Ann Jones father passed away; Joyce Lacey-Kenney had fallen; Haley Hughes Simmons had lost her baby daughter who lived for 3 hours; and Marcie Ellington had fallen and broken her back. She asked that all our sisters be remembered with prayers and cards.

Gwynn Nell recognized Delta Kappa members for being hostesses for today's meeting.

Joyce Whitewing-Slate led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gwynn Nell recognized the following: Sooner Senioresses; Cathy Holsted, Past IC Council President/ESA Foundation Chair & Sooner Senioress; Vivian Gibson, Past ESA Foundation Director & Sooner Senioress; Joyce Whitewing-Slate and Billie Fritch, Dixie Palmer Founder and Sooner Senioresses. There was 1 guest, 0 New Pledges, 0 DESA's, 0 Elan's, and 0 MESA's.

Gwynn Nell announced the following appointments: Committee to approve minutes of this meeting: Bunnie Sullins, Chair; Maxine Wheelan, Billie Fritch

Linda Voss, Chair of the committee to read the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Oklahoma State Convention minutes reported the minutes will be placed on file as corrected.

Linda Southerland gave the treasurer's report. Beginning Balance on May 1, 2011, was \$3,374.50. Income was \$2,158.35; disbursements \$18.56, leaving a balance as of June 17, 2011, of \$5,414.29. The treasurer's report will be placed on file.

Linda then explained that the Council won't have any ways & means project this year. She moved member's dues be raised from \$3 to \$4 as outlined in Standing Rule #2 of the Oklahoma State Council Standing Rules. After discussion, the motion was amended to read "from \$3 to \$5". Motion passed.

Linda moved upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board the proposed budget for 2011-2012 be approved as amended. Motion passed.

Project Director, Margaret Kramer, reported total monies donated to the State Project Fund were \$3,453.97. This included \$525 donated to OSD and \$525 to OSB by an anonymous ESA member. OSB had 91 students while OSD had 142 students totaling 233 students divided into \$3,453.97 allowing \$14.82 per student. OSB's allocation is \$1,873.97; OSD's is \$2,629.99.

J. Thomas from OSB requested the \$1,873.97 be matched with a \$1,200 gift she received from a generous ESA member. Wish lists were read from each school. OSB would like to purchase either a Topaz Desktop Video Magnifier or a Freedom Scientifics' Focus 40 Blue-Refreshable Braille. OSD would like to purchase the following: 84 storage bins, \$415.64; 10" mealtime chair with tray, \$168; training ropes with wall anchor, \$319.85; rug for reading lab, \$431; replacement of worn & stained items in the honor dorm bedrooms and common area and kitchen/dining area, \$1,000.00. Margaret moved we donate \$1,873.97 to OSB and \$2,629.99 to OSD for purchases from their wish lists at their discretion. Motion carried.

Margaret announced that on October 8, 2011, the OSD tour will take place in Sulphur and the OSB tour in Muskogee is being planned.

In the absence of 2012 State Convention Chair, Janice Shockley, Robbin Brown moved upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, the 2012 convention registration remain \$85 for members and \$40 for guests. Motion carried. Robbin announced she has registration forms, and the first 3 people registering will receive prizes.

Sue Patterson, Contest Chair, explained that housekeeping was needed on the Gold Seal Entry to clarify what is printed in the IC rules. "1-2" will be added on 2 (a) of the Official Judging Sheet to now read: 2 (a) "Compiled in a 1-2" binder/folder with all individual programs. . ." . Because of a typographical mistake, the earned points on 2 (c) now reads: "5"; it needs to be corrected to "15".

Housekeeping also needs to be done on the Service Report. Last year it was voted to make reports yearly rather than monthly. The wording should now read: "Report for the Year \_\_\_\_\_".

Sue read the recommendations on the Publicity Contest Entry Form from last year's Publicity Chair, Joyce Lacey-Kenney, as follows: to change the numbering under the heading "Publications" and to eliminate #10 and #13. Other recommendations were to change #14 from 20 points to 50 and change #15 from 50 points to 35. Sue suggested that members donate their old Jonquils to doctor's office, local libraries, and other high traffic places. Sue moved the recommendations from the Publicity Chair be adopted. Motion was adopted.

Sue explained the State Project Award Judging Sheets needed additional wording in the mathematical equations so that answers would not be skewed. She suggested in all the mathematical formulas that no rounding be done, and that answers be carried to at least 4 decimal places. Sue moved that no rounding be done in any equation, but all answers be carried to 4 decimal places. Motion passed.

Sue will correct all aforementioned forms and get them to Aletha Bolt for the website and all changes will be published in the PJ.

Chaplain Linda Leveridge gave a devotional. Gwynn Nell suspended business at 11:30 so lunch could be served.

After lunch, Gwynn Nell called the meeting back to order at 12:30 p.m.

First Vice President/Nominating Chair/District Coordinator Advisor, Joyce Gibson, announced she needed members to step forward to fill chairmanships for next year's board.

Second Vice President/Educational Director, Tina McKamie, announced the educational theme for this year will be "Get Fit, Get Healthy."

The District Coordinators gave the following reports: District III Peggy Hughes announced her Leadership Seminar would be in Hominy on September 24; District V Ruth Thompson announced the Bridgeport Dunes in Eufaula would be the site of her Leadership Seminar on September 17; District II Sylvia Ochs announced her Leadership would be at the Noble Avenue Baptist Church in Guthrie on August 27; District IV Ellen Clark announced her leadership would begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. at Spencer's Event Center in Midwest City on September 10, and there would be an educational on the district project and surprises.

Care-Connection Coordinator, Peggy Sprinkle, announced she would like to recognize all Oklahoma chapters who provide services and support to our military personnel, their families, and veterans and will publish chapter accomplishments in the PJ. She is compiling a notebook showcasing chapter/individual activities, so send her information. She had a list of suggestions at each table.

Delta Kappa members performed a skit to invite everyone to the 2012 Oklahoma State Convention ESA in the Country at the famous Holiday Inn, Norman, on April 27-29, 2012.

ESA Foundation Counselor, Ramona Paine-Means, asked if anyone could help Kathy Loyd, IC Endowment/Scholarship Chair who is updating the Myre Starr Honorarium Endowment. She needs documentation to support the judging criteria "A" which is now being used. Also the Hawkins Tuma Endowment has no documentation. Contact Ramona if you have knowledge about these 2 scholarships.

Membership Chair, Mary Johnson, asked that every function a chapter does include something to promote membership. Her theme this year has been expanded; it is now "Hallelujah brothers and sisters, we are ESA proud!"

Directory Chair Mary Adams reported new directories are printed and available. There were 105 printed and as of today 83 directories had been sold for an income of \$670.00. The cost to print was \$450.07.

ESA for St. Jude Chair, Judi York, sent a written report. She encouraged members to let her know if they wished to help with the Give Thanks Walk in either Tulsa or Oklahoma City to be held on Saturday, November 19, 2011.

Corresponding Secretary Sue Knight received regrets from the following: Patsy Timmons, Rosalie Griffith, Judi York, Deb Hughes, and Hali Hughes Simmons. The following corrections need to be made in the new directory: p. 30 Linda Leveridge's address should be 228 Atterberry St.; p. 14 Linda Voss's home phone should be 405.277.3290; p 26 Billye Peterson's address should be 19513 Fieldshire Dr, Edmond 73012.; p. 5 Jacque Edward's email should be [jerae09@hotmail.com](mailto:jerae09@hotmail.com); p. 3 Sept 24 Dist III meeting should be Hominy. Sue encouraged everyone to register for State Convention, to buy a convention charm, and to sign up if you are attending IC convention in Overland Park, Kansas. She announced the next State Council & Leadership meeting would be August 13, 2011.

Cathy Holsted, 2012 IC Convention Chair, announced she will attend a planning meeting in August to get all decorations and events okayed; and that at the State Leadership meeting, there will be an IC Convention planning meeting. She also encouraged those members attending next month's IC convention to wear the Oklahoma Red Dirt attire and attend the welcome party.

Peggie Sprinkle moved that members working the Dream Homes in Tulsa and Oklahoma City be counted as attending today's meeting. Motion carried.

Gwynn Nell asked for announcements. The following were made: Jacque Edwards asked for 9 more volunteers for the Dream Home giveaway on June 26 on Fox 25. She asked If anyone is going to IC and is receiving a longevity pin to turn your name into her today as they must be given to IC within 48 hours; Robbin Brown announced the following winners for 2012 state convention registration: 1<sup>st</sup> place Jacque Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Peggie Sprinkle, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Peggy Hughes.

Door prizes were won by the following: Sylvia Ochs, Judy Cravens, Billye Peterson, Donna Shook, Joyce Whitewing-Slate, Billie Fritch, and Vivian Gibson.

Cathy Holsted announced Donna Shook won the raffle drawing at her 50/50 booth.

Gwynn Nell announced the August 13 Leadership at the Holiday Inn in Norman would have Shopping on the Mall. Tables will be \$10.

Gwynn Nell declared the meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m. Lora Thompson led everyone in the closing ritual.

s/ Dr. Billye Peterson  
Recording Secretary

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_